

## **LA THIS I BELIEVE DRAFT**

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." A famous author once said.

However, never did I once believe in that. I used to believe that friendship is everything, and that everyone is a true friend. But, I was wrong, very wrong. I was naïve and childish. I felt a strong desire to have many friends and it soon became an obligation. However, everything started to change for me one day...

I was around the age of eleven that year. As the "older" students in the school, popularity was everything. Of course, it was the same for me too. At that time, I was in a large clique and I thought that that was it. Friends were all I need. Never did I realize that that was going change my belief in friendship forever.

I was on my way back to class when I saw my clique sitting in a circle, laughing. Curious, I decided to join them in the fun. However, as I approached nearer, I overheard Sophia, my so called best friend, gossiping about me, telling the rest of the clique about how I could be taken advantage of easily. What was worse, everyone was laughing together with her. Nobody stood up for me. I felt betrayed, too stunned for words.

From that moment, I realized that even your "true friends" would betray you. I no longer believed in friendship. It seemed so distant away from me and I am persistent that I will never be able to own it. I began to draw myself away from crowds, always keeping to myself. I did not express myself out. I thought that silence was the perfect solution. All my classmates started to realize my peculiar behavior but nobody said a thing to me except for one girl.

She said," A true friend is one that does not abandon you." This sentence was like an antidote to my illness. I found a path of light guiding me. I woke up to my senses, I finally understood the meaning of a true friend.

From then on, I changed my perception of friendship. I realized the negligence of my perception towards friendship. Friendship may be important, but true friends are hard to come, this is something that I believe in now, and will continue believing in it in the near future.